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SUBJECT: EC COUNCIL ( AGMINS) MEETING

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3406

1. GOB FONMIN OFFICIAL (FIERENS) WHO ATTENDED EC COUNCIL (AGMINS) MEETINGS JUNE 18-20, GENERALLY CONFIRMED REFTEL ACCOUNT OF RESULTS OF MEETING BUT ADDED SOME DETAILS ON AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS OF EC MEDITERRANEAN POLICY.

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- 2. BROAD LINES OF NEW CAP ON PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES INCLUDE TARIFF CONCESSIONS (VARYING AS TO COUNTRY AND PRODUCT) TO MAGHREB PLUS ISRAEL AND SPAIN AND SAFEGUARD CLAUSE, WITH MEMBER COUNTRY IMPORT QUOTAS FOR THESE COUNTRIES TO BE ABOLISHED. SYSTEM OF IMPORT CERTIFICATES, ON WHICH UNREIMBURSABEL FEE TO BE PAID, WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR TWO CATEGORIES OF SENSITIVE PRODUCTS, FOR WHICH MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES WILL BE BASED ON COMMUNITY PRICES FOR MOST SENSITIVE (INCLUDING TOMATO CONCENTRATE) AND ON WORLD MARKET PRICES FOR LESS SENSITIVE (INCLUDING CITRUS JUICES AND CANNED PEACHES). COMMISSION PROPOSAL ON PROCESSED FOODS, WHICH SOMEWHAT CHANGED DURING COUNCIL MEETING IN DIRECTION OF SMALLER CONCESSIONS TO MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES, IS DOCUMENT CONTAINING SEVERAL PAGES OF TABLES SETTING OUT DETAILED TARIFF CONCESSIONS. ONLY FIGURE CITED WAS 30 PERCENT REDUCTION ON TOMATO CONCENTRATE TO BE OFFERED TO ALL FIVE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. IN GENERAL, ACCORDING TO FIERENS, MAGHREB COUNTRIES WOULD RECEIVE GREATER CONCESSIONS THAN SPAIN AND ISRAEL.
- 3. FRENCH REPORTEDLY REQUESTED PLACING CANNED PEACHES ON MOST SENSITIVE LIST (COMMUNITY PRICE BASE) BUT THIS WAS TEMPORARILY REJECTED BY OTHER EIGHT. QUESTION WAS, HOWEVER, REFERRED TO COMMISSION FOR STUDY.
- 4. CITRUS (ORANGES AND MANDARINS) PREFERENCES CONFIRMED AS REPORTED BY USEC AT 80 PERCENT FOR MAGHREB AND 60 PERCENT FOR ISRAEL AND SPAIN. SUBSIDY TO ITALIANS FOR SALES WITHIN COMMON MARKET DESCRIBED BY FIERENS AS INCREASED BY 30 TO 50 PERCENT, DEPENDING ON PRODUCT. FIERENS COMMENTED THAT ALL BELGIUM GOT OUT OF MEETING WAS LENGTHENING OF RESTRICTED IMPORT PERIOD FOR TABLE GRAPES TO FOUR MONTHS: NOVEMBER 20 TO APRIL 30.
- 5. ON COUNCIL ATMOSPHERICS, FIERENS REPORTED THAT ITALIANS LEFT MEETING DISAPPOINTED AT REJECTION OF OTHER REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE TO CITRUS INDUSTRY AND THAT BRITISH WERE ESPECIALLY TOUGH ON MEASURES THAT WOULD HOLD UP PRICES. THEY ALSO PRESSED FOR LARGER SHERRY IMPORT QUOTA. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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